Table 1: Identifiable Commonwealth Expenditure on Indigenous Affairs, 1968–69 to 2009–10

Nominal and real dollars; percentages; per capita

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **1968-69** | **1969-70** | **1970-71** | **1971-72** | **1972-73** | **1973-74** | **1974-75** | **1975-76** | **1976-77** | **1977-78** |
| **Indigenous Commonwealth expenditure** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) CASH | 10.1 | 8.9 | 24.4 | 29 | 58.4 | 96.7 | 158.9 | 186.1 | 161.5 | 173.8 |
| Real expenditure(a) ($ millions) CASH | 110.0 | 91.7 | 241.3 | 267.6 | 509.8 | 780.9 | 1 115.8 | 1 073.4 | 810.8 | 787.0 |
| **Total Commonwealth expenditure(b)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) CASH | 5 670 | 6 131 | 7 176 | 7 987 | 9 120 | 10 829 | 15 275 | 19 876 | 22 657 | 25 489 |
| Indig expend as % of Nominal expend.(%) | 0.18 | 0.15 | 0.34 | 0.36 | 0.64 | 0.89 | 1.04 | 0.94 | 0.71 | 0.68 |
| **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GDP ($ millions) | 32 694 | 36 855 | 40 315 | 44 471 | 49 749 | 60 288 | 71 140 | 83 243 | 96 062 | 104 894 |
| Nominal expend.as a % of GDP (%) | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.17 | 0.17 |
| **Indigenous population - Census counts(c)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population |  |  |  | 115 953 |  |  |  |  | 160 915 |  |
| Real expenditure(a) per capita ($) |  |  |  | 2 308.1 |  |  |  |  | 5 039.0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1978-79** | **1979-80** | **1980-81** | **1981-82** | **1982-83** | **1983-84** | **1984-85** | **1985-86** | **1986-87** | **1987-88** |
| **Indigenous Commonwealth expenditure** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) CASH | 151.6 | 182 | 219.6 | 258.8 | 300.4 | 396.7 | 467.2 | 507.6 | 584.3 | 656.2 |
| Real expenditure(a) ($ millions) CASH | 638.7 | 728.8 | 788.1 | 838.7 | 856.1 | 1 038.9 | 1 146.1 | 1 188.1 | 1 281.0 | 1 347.2 |
| **Total Commonwealth expenditure(b)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) CASH | 27 753 | 31 041 | 35 260 | 40 394 | 47 907 | 55 966 | 63 639 | 69 838 | 75 392 | 79 440 |
| Indig expend as % of Nominal expend.(%) | 0.55 | 0.59 | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.63 | 0.71 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.78 | 0.83 |
| **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GDP ($ millions) | 118 591 | 134 482 | 152 347 | 175 759 | 189 243 | 213 760 | 235 467 | 260 169 | 285 544 | 324 590 |
| Nominal expend.as a % of GDP (%) | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| **Indigenous population - Census counts(c)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population |  |  |  | 159 897 |  |  |  |  | 227 593 |  |
| Real expenditure(a) per capita ($) |  |  |  | 5 245.4 |  |  |  |  | 5 628.3 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1988-89** | **1989-90** | **1990-91** | **1991-92** | **1992-93** | **1993-94** | **1994-95** | **1995-96** | **1996-97** | **1997-98** |
| **Indigenous Commonwealth expenditure** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) CASH | 777.6 | 874.1 | 1117.9 | 1257.3 | 1437.8 | 1361.8 | 1473.2 | 1715.1 | 1 670.5 | 1 852.3 |
| Real expenditure(a) ($ millions) CASH | 1 486.2 | 1 537.2 | 1 848.5 | 2 020.4 | 2 287.7 | 2 138.7 | 2 302.5 | 2 592.7 | 2 463.8 | 2 715.4 |
| **Total Commonwealth expenditure(b)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) CASH | 82 202 | 88 882 | 97 333 | 104 551 | 111 484 | 117 252 | 122 901 | 131 182 | 135 126 | 134 608 |
| Indig expend as % of Nominal expend.(%) | 0.95 | 0.98 | 1.15 | 1.20 | 1.29 | 1.16 | 1.20 | 1.31 | 1.24 | 1.38 |
| **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GDP ($ millions) | 368 130 | 404 735 | 415 607 | 423 383 | 444 497 | 467 501 | 496 425 | 529 706 | 556 981 | 589 345 |
| Nominal expend.as a % of GDP (%) | 0.21 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.30 | 0.32 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.32 | 0.30 | 0.31 |
| **Indigenous population - Census counts(c)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population |  |  |  | 265 371 |  |  |  |  | 352 970 |  |
| Real expenditure(a) per capita ($) |  |  |  | 7 613.6 |  |  |  |  | 6 980.2 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1998-99** | **99-2000** | **2000-01** | **2001-02** | **2002-03** | **2003-04** | **2004-05** | **2005-06** | **2006-07** | **2007-08** |
| Indigenous Commonwealth expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) CASH | 1 888.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) ACCRUAL | 1 997.1 | 2 217.8 | 2 323.4 | 2 396.8 | 2 572.6 | 2 831.1 | 2 930.1 | 3 016.3 | 3 509.9 | 3 852.2 |
| Real expenditure(a) ($ millions) CASH | 2 742.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real expenditure(a) ($ millions) ACCRUAL | 2 901.3 | 3 183.8 | 3 211.6 | 3 194.6 | 3 355.1 | 3 595.4 | 3 576.0 | 3 512.9 | 3 900.3 | 4 101.9 |
| Total Commonwealth expenditure(b) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) CASH | 142 159 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) ACCRUAL | 146 772 | 155 558 | 180 094 | 193 041 | 201 259 | 215 361 | 229 245 | 242 173 | 259 156 | 280 107 |
| Indig expend as % of Nominal expend.(%) CASH | 1.33 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indig expend as % of Nominal expend.(%) ACCRUAL | 1.36 | 1.43 | 1.29 | 1.24 | 1.28 | 1.31 | 1.28 | 1.25 | 1.35 | 1.38 |
| Gross Domestic Product (GDP) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GDP ($ millions) | 621 525 | 662 037 | 706 895 | 754 949 | 800 911 | 859 487 | 920 899 | 994 803 | 1 083 060 | 1 175 948 |
| Nominal expend.as a % of GDP (%) CASH | 0.30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expend.as a % of GDP (%) ACCRUAL | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.32 | 0.30 | 0.32 | 0.33 |
| Indigenous population - Census counts(c) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population |  |  |  | 410 003 |  |  |  |  | 455 031 |  |
| Real expenditure(a) per capita ($) |  |  |  | 7 791.7 |  |  |  |  | 8 571.5 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **2008-09 (d)** | **2009-10 (d)** | **2010-11** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indigenous Commonwealth expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) CASH |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) ACCRUAL | 3 507.2 | 3 348.1 | 3 685.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real expenditure(a) ($ millions) CASH |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real expenditure(a) ($ millions) ACCRUAL | 3 507.2 | 3 330.9 | 3 447.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Commonwealth expenditure(b) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) CASH |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expenditure ($ millions) ACCRUAL | 324 557 | 340 035 | 356 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indig expend as % of Nominal expend.(%) CASH | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indig expend as % of Nominal expend.(%) ACCRUAL | 1.08 | 0.98 | 1.04 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross Domestic Product (GDP) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GDP ($ millions) | 1 252 218 | 1 293 380 | 1 399 071 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expend.as a % of GDP (%) CASH |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal expend.as a % of GDP (%) ACCRUAL | 0.28 | 0.26 | 0.26 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indigenous population - Census counts(c) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population |  |  | 548 369 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real expenditure(a) per capita ($) |  |  | 6 286.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Note: Expenditure data are presented on both a CASH and ACCRUAL accounting basis in this table and the two sets of data are not comparable. Expenditure for 1998-99 is available on both a cash and accrual basis and so both are included.

(a) Cash data are Australian Government general government sector payments/outlays and Accrual data are Australian Government general government accrual expenses. Please note that in 2008-09 Treasury revised historical data back to 1998-99 to improve the accuracy and comparability through time. This has resulted in the expenditure data for these years being significantly different from that published in previous Budgets.

(b) Converted to 2008-09 dollars using the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD) for Non-Farm GDP.

(c) The Census counts of Indigenous persons are not considered a reliable indicator of the true size of the Indigenous population over this period of time. The Census counts show periods of unexplained low and high growth (which cannot be accounted for by births and deaths). The ABS has produced estimates and projections of the Indigenous population, but the latest of these only covers the period 1991-2006 (these are used in Table 2). The Census counts, however, are the only Indigenous population data that cover the whole period. It should also be noted that the total Indigenous population as counted in the Census does not necessarily equate with the population intended to be the beneficiaries of Indigenous expenditure.

(d) IPD and GDP estimates for 2008-09 and 2010-11 are from “Economic Statement, July 2012

**Sources:**

Expenditure: See detailed expenditure tables (3-6) for sources.

Population: ABS, Australian Historical Population Statistics (3105.0.65.001), Table 9

GDP and Implicit Price Deflator: ABS, National Income, Expenditure and Product (5206.0) and Economic Statement, July 2010 Treasury

Total Commonwealth expenditure: Budget Paper No. 1, 1999-2000 and 2012-13 editions, Table 8 Statement 10: Historical Australian Government Data (page 10-13)